

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original - Allowed) A method of playing a variation of the card game of baccarat, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) designating a participant as a player or a banker;
- b) indicating a bonus payout;
- c) playing a plurality of conventional baccarat games, each of which comprise dealing a player's hand and a banker's hand,
- d) determining if a total number count in each banker's hand of the plurality of conventional baccarat games is greater than a total number count of the corresponding player's hand; and
- e) designating payment of at least the bonus payout when the total of the number count of each of at least two consecutive hands of the plurality of baccarat games are nine.

Claim 2 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising increasing the bonus payout each time the number count of more than two consecutive ones of the hands is 9.

Claim 3 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 2

comprising increasing the bonus payout on a random basis.

Claim 4 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 1 comprising requiring the participant to make a bonus wager so as to qualify for the bonus payout.

Claim 5 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 4 further comprising the step of forfeiting the bonus wager if the total of the number count of at least two consecutive participant's hands of the plurality of baccarat games are not greater than the total number counts of an opponent's hands.

Claim 6 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 4 further comprising the participant making a primary wager for each of the conventional baccarat games in which the participant is to participate.

Claim 7 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 6 comprising deducting the bonus wager from the amount of the primary wager.

Claim 8 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 6 comprising making the primary wager in addition to and separate from the bonus wager.

Claim 9 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the bonus payout is designated for payment when the total of the number count of each of at least two consecutive ones of the participant's hands of the plurality of baccarat games are nine.

Claim 10 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the bonus payout is designated for payment when the total of the number count of each of at least two consecutive hands of the plurality of baccarat games are a natural nine.

Claim 11 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the participant making a primary wager for each of the conventional baccarat games in which the participant is to participate.

Claim 12 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising paying the participant a winner payout if the total of the number count of the participant's hand is greater than the total number count of an opponent's hand.

Claim 13 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising paying the participant an increased winner payout if the total of the number count of the participant's hand is nine and is greater than the total number count of an opponent's hand.

Claim 14 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 13 further comprising paying the participant a further increased winner payout if the total of the number count of the participant's hand is a natural nine and is greater than the total number count of an opponent's hand.

Claim 15 (Original - Allowed) A method as recited in claim 13

further comprising paying the participant a further increased winner payout if the total of the number count of the participant's hand is a nine with all card of the same suit and is greater than the total number count of an opponent's hand.

Claim 16 (twice amended) A baccarat gaming assembly comprising:

- a) a computer processor assembly;
- b) a display assembly;
- c) at least one user actuatable selector assembly;
- d) said computer processor assembly structured to generate a player's hand and a banker's hand in accordance with rules of baccarat;
- e) said computer processor assembly structured to designate one of said hands as a user hand [as a player or a banker] in response to a user selection;
- f) said computer processor assembly structured to selectively add cards to said player's hand and said banker's hand in accordance with the conventional rules of the card game of baccarat;
- g) said computer processor assembly structured to correspondingly designate said player's hand or said banker's hand as a winning hand if a final number total of one of said hands is greater than a final number total of the other of said hands; and

- h) said computer processor assembly structured to designate said user as a winner if said user's hand is also said winning hand;
- i) said computer processor assembly further structured to generate said player's hand and said banker's hand and reveal to the user at least one card from at least one of the hands before designating said user as said player or said banker in response to said user selection; and
- j) said computer processor assembly structured to permit a user to selectively discard said revealed card and to issue a new card to complete said hand.

Claims 17 - 21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Currently Amended) A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim [19] 16 wherein said computer processor assembly structured to permit [a] said user to selectively discard said revealed card and to issue [a] said new card to complete said hand before designating said user as said player or said banker in response to said user selection.

Claims 23-29 (cancelled)

Claim 30 (Allowed) A baccarat gaming assembly comprising:

- a) a computer processor assembly;
- b) a display assembly;
- c) at least one user actuatable selector assembly;

- d) said computer processor assembly structured to generate a player's hand and a banker's hand in accordance with rules of baccarat, one of said hands being designated a user hand;
- e) said computer processor assembly further structured to reveal to a user at least one card from at least one of the hands and to permit a user to selectively discard said revealed card and to issue a new card to complete said hand;
- f) said computer processor assembly structured to selectively add cards to said player's hand and said banker's hand in accordance with the conventional rules of the card game of baccarat;
- g) said computer processor assembly structured to correspondingly designate said player's hand or said banker's hand as a winning hand if a final number total of one of said hands is greater than a final number total of the other of said hands; and
- h) said computer processor assembly structured to designate said user as a winner if said user's hand is also said winning hand.

Claim 31 (Allowed) A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 30 wherein said new card is visible.

Claim 32 (Allowed) A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in

claim 31 wherein said computer processor is structured to designate one of said hands as said user hand in response to a user selection after revealing to the user said new card.

Claim 33 (Allowed) A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 30 wherein said computer processor is structured to designate one of said hands as said user hand in response to a user selection after revealing to the user said revealed card.

Claim 34 (Allowed) A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 30 wherein said computer processor is structured to designate one of said hands as said user hand in response to a user selection before revealing to the user said revealed card.